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A DAY IN SC...
I have to get some one to translate that one so that the fangirls won't kill me
ROLLER
ROLLER
After that I have to edit that one and then...
STAFF MEMBER!
HEY YOU!
C'MON IT'S BEEN 34598347 DAYS SINCE THE LAST RELEASE ACCORDING TO M-U!
YEAH! SLOW-POKES!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR AGES!
WHERE'S THE NEW CHAPTER!?
IT'S BECAUSE WE LACK STAFF MEMBERS!!
TAP TAP TAP
WHY!?
Run
WE...!
WE'RE IN NEED OF J>E AND C>E TRANSLATORS AND EDITORS!
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Greatly talented with
card games

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The 22nd Baron Sedgwick

Genevieve Denford
Alex's grandmother.

Hubert & Lilith
Alex's cousins who aims
for his position and fortune.

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Alex's best friend.
A handsome
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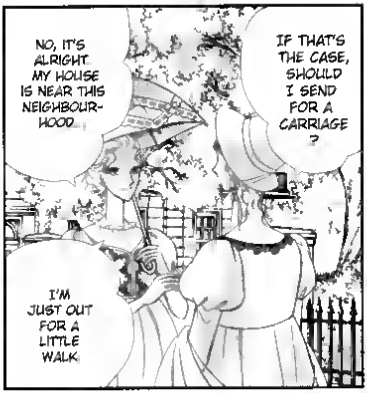
WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO DO ?
THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO IMPERSONATE.
OF COURSE I'LL PAY YOU A SUITABLE REMUNERATION.

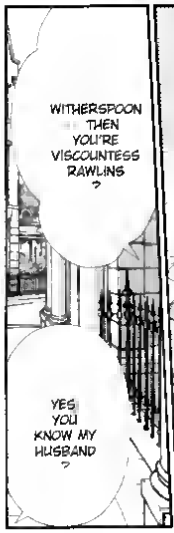
YOU ARE THE PERFECT ONE FOR THIS JOB.
DOCTOR, DOCTOR HALEY,
WHEN I WAS SORTING THE BOOKS, THIS...
AN UNOPENED LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU, DOCTOR.
A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME ?

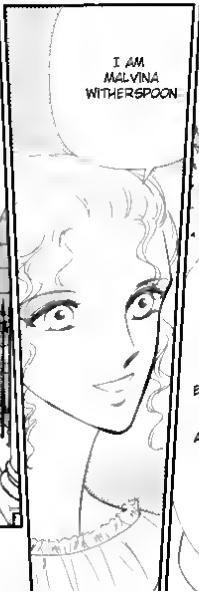
This... this is...!?
No no, it can't be.
Ruver
I can't believe this at all
It must be
Ruver
This is a bad joke, someone's bad joke.
WE'VE ARRIVED AT
BARON SEDGWICK'S MANSION, MADAME

This is Baron Sedgwick's mansion.
Somehow it seems a gloomy and dreary place.
It really needs some remodelling
AH!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER? ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?
THE BABY SUDDENLY GAVE A KICK JUST NOW ...
BUT I'M FINE.

THIS IS LORD SEDGWICK'S
I SUPPOSE THEN WE'RE NEIGHBOURS MY HOUSE IS HERE
THEN, CAN IT BE THAT YOU'RE LADY SEDGWICK ?


NO, IT'S ALRIGHT MY HOUSE IS NEAR THIS NEIGHBOUR-HOOD
IF THAT'S THE CASE, SHOULD I SEND FOR A CARRIAGE ?
I'M JUST OUT FOR A LITTLE WALK.


WITHERSPOON THEN YOU'RE VISCOUNTESS RAWLINS ?
YES YOU KNOW MY HUSBAND ?


I AM MALVINA WITHERSPOON

Now the performance starts from today I'm the lady Baroness Sedgwick
YES
I'M EMMALINE EMMALINE DENFORD, A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU

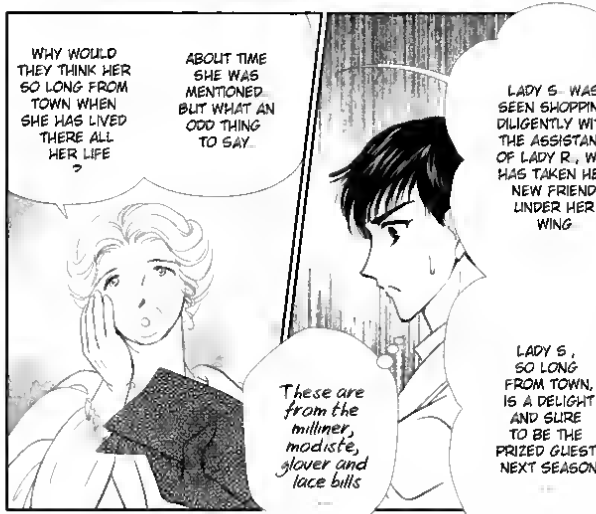
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'VE COME
OH, THEN I AM YOUR FIRST FRIEND
NO I'VE ONLY HEARD OF HIM
MY FRIENDS HAVE ALL GONE TO BATH. I HAVEN'T A FRIEND IN TOWN RIGHT NOW,
I've just arrived at London today. I haven't even met this house's butler.
I can't fail
AND I AM DYING FOR SOME COMPANY.
I'M STILL UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS CITY, SO PLEASE HELP ME IN VARIOUS THING.
One way or another, I'll succeed in this job.
I AM ALSO GLAD TO HAVE MADE A FRIEND AS SOON AS I ARRIVED
OF COURSE, YOU JUST LEAVE IT TO ME
I'll turn my life around and get that money

MY LORD
A POUCH FROM MR ELLIOTT'S OFFICE ARRIVED THIS MORNING ALONG WITH THE MAIL,
TO BE SPECIFIC THERE WERE THREE POUCHES

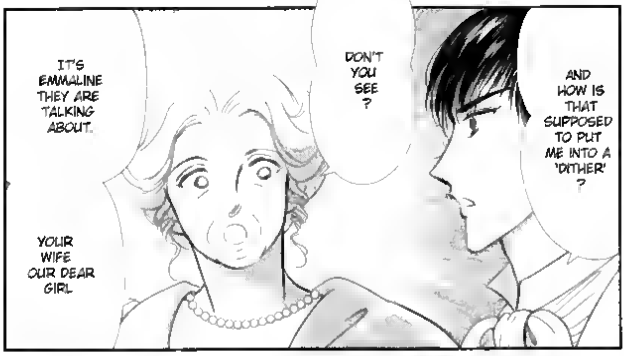
WHAT THE DEVIL IS ALL THAT, BURGESS ?
THE REGULAR NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS FOR HER LADYSHIP, BUT THE REMAINDER APPEAR MOSTLY TO BE BILLS, MY LORD.
BILLS ?
ALL OF THESE ?
DUMP

What kind of joke is this?
Can it be that Jack sent all of his bills to me?
Or the solicitor made a mistake—?
ALEX, WHAT ARE THOSE?
JUST THE LONDON PAPERS AND SUCH, GRANDMERE.
THE PAPERS!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
GIVE IT HERE, THEN
WELL,
WELL,
LADY VASSAR HAD A BABY. A SON, IT SAYS.
AN HEIR IS SO IMPORTANT, DON'T YOU THINK, ALEX?
YE-, YES, OF COURSE

LISTEN TO THIS, ALEX.
OOH, AND FINALLY A MENTION OF OUR DEAR GIRL,
Carpet 400 pounds, furniture 150 pounds, drapers, carpenters, painters bills...
Why, it appeared the poor sot for whom these notes had been intended had outfitted not only a new house, but a wife and a stable of mistresses


WHY WOULD THEY THINK HER SO LONG FROM TOWN WHEN SHE HAS LIVED THERE ALL HER LIFE ?
ABOUT TIME SHE WAS MENTIONED... BUT WHAT AN ODD THING TO SAY...
LADY S... WAS SEEN SHOPPING DILIGENTLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LADY R., WHO HAS TAKEN HER NEW FRIEND UNDER HER WING
These are from the milliner, modiste, glover and lace bills
LADY S., SO LONG FROM TOWN, IS A DELIGHT AND SURE TO BE THE PRIZED GUEST NEXT SEASON

DIDN'T YOU GET ENOUGH OF THAT PRATTLE WHILE VISITING AUNT IMOGENE ?
THERE MUST BE MORE RECENT NEWS IN THE OTHERS
ALEX HAND ME THOSE NEWS-PAPERS
IMOGENE DOESN'T TAKE THE POST.
AH, I KNEW IT! I KNEW SHE'D BE MENTIONED AGAIN
GO AHEAD,
OR YOU'LL BE HUFFING AND PUFFING UNTIL I RELENT, WON'T YOU ?
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD READ IT TO YOU.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE IN A DITHER FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK
I NEVER PUFF.
BUT IF YOU INSIST
IT IS A GOOD THING THERE ARE SO FEW PEOPLE IN TOWN
FOR LADY S. CREATES A STIR WHEREVER SHE IS SEEN.
ONE WONDERS WHAT THE BARON IS THINKING SENDING SUCH AN ORIGINAL TO TOWN WITHOUT HIS WATCHFUL EYE ABOUT.


IT'S EMMALINE THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT.
DON'T YOU SEE ?
AND HOW IS THAT SUPPOSED TO PUT ME INTO A 'DITHER' ?
YOUR WIFE OUR DEAR GIRL

AND WHYEVER NOT ?
I ASSURE YOU, THAT IS NOT OUR EMMALINE
PREPOSTEROUS GRANDMERE... THERE ARE A DOZEN OR MORE 'LADY S 'S' GADDING ABOUT TOWN ON ANY GIVEN DAY.
BECAUSE EMMALINE WOULD NEVER COMPORT HERSELF IN A MANNER THAT WOULD BE OF ANY INTEREST TO A GOSSIP COLUMN. 'TIS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE

HUH ?
THAT WAS ABOUT EMMALINE ?

Impossible...
HMMM HOW MANY 'LADY S'S' RESIDE ON HANOVER SQUARE THESE DAYS, ALEX?
FOR I CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE.
Then there's no mistake with these bills...?
...FROM THE AMOUNT OF TRADESMEN SEEN COMING AND GOING TO HANOVER SQUARE
IT IS SAID THAT TRAFFIC HAS BECOME A NUISANCE
THEN WHY DOES IT GO ON TO SAY THE FOLLOWING ?
SCRUNCH
This one and that one too, was addressed as being the purchase of The Right Hon. Lady Sedgwick
What's more, the delivery address is to my London house
THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT !

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HOUSE IN LONDON WAS A VERITABLE MAUSOLEUM
IF YOUR GRANDFATHER HADN'T BEEN SO TIGHT-FISTED, I WOULD HAVE
OH, ALEX, DO SETTLE DOWN A LADY IS ENTITLED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES TO HER HOME FROM TIME TO TIME

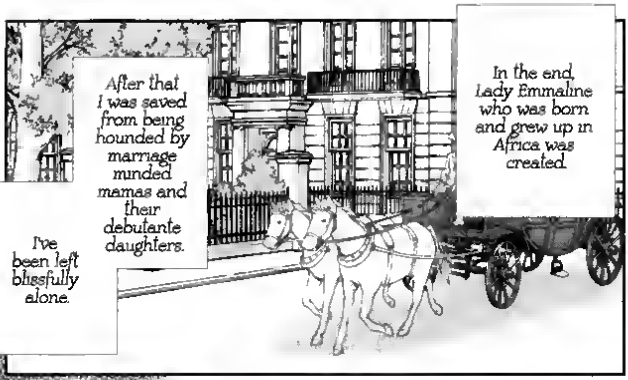
Eh ?

NEVERTHELESS FROM THE NEWS SEEMS LIKE HER HEALTH HAS IMPROVED IF THAT'S THE CASE, DO YOU THINK SHE CAN ENDURE A LONG TRIP ?
THEN PLEASE TELL HER TO COME HERE I HAVEN'T MET HER NOT EVEN ONCE, I DO SO WISH TO SEE HER

ALEX, WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?

There's no way that could happen!
Emmaline exists?
Only a fictional wife that my close friend Jack and I invented!
Baroness Sedgwick, Emmaline Denford is,
ENOUGH, I'VE HAD IT WITH BEING HARASSED TO MARRY THIS SEASON.
IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE BEING HOUNDED INTO MATRIMONY THAT BAD,
WAIT, ALEX
I'LL LEAVE LONDON WHEN MORNING COMES,
AND GO RUSTICATE IN THE COUNTRY
YOU NEED TO GET MARRIED. THAT WOULD GET THE CATS OFF YOUR BACK.

WHY, COULDN'T YOU GET MARRIED BUT NOT ACTUALLY TAKE A BRIDE? INVENT ONE, SO TO SAY.
I'D WAGER THAT IF YOU PLACED A NOTICE IN THE POST, TOLD THE WORLD YOU'VE MARRIED, THEY'D ALL LEAVE YOU ALONE.
DON'T BE AN IDIOT. HAVEN'T YOU BEEN HEARING WHAT I SAID?
IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S NO WOMAN I WANT TO MARRY, THAT I WISH TO ESCAPE FROM LONDON
I SEE... IT MIGHT WORK...
SHE IS IN POOR HEALTH AND LIVING IN SECLUSION IN THE COUNTRY.
BUT WE CAN'T MAKE HER DEBUT.
HER DELICATE HEALTH PREVENTS HER FROM TRAVELING SO FAR
FOR YOUR GRANDMOTHER TELL HER THAT SHE STAYS IN LONDON.
IF IT'S ABOUT THAT, THERE'S A SUITABLE MAN FOR IT
A SUITABLE ONE SHOULD BE A DAUGHTER FROM A GOOD FAMILY ...
THE ARCHEOLOGIST LORD HOWARD HALEY.
HE MOVED TO AFRICA SOME 20 YEARS AGO AND THERE'S LACK OF NEWS ABOUT HIM SINCE THEN. HIS WIFE PASSED AWAY NOT LONG AFTER THEY MOVED TO AFRICA HIS DAUGHTER WILL BE SUITABLE ENOUGH.


In the end, Lady Emmaline who was born and grew up in Africa was created.
After that I was saved from being hounded by marriage minded mamas and their debutante daughters.
I've been left blissfully alone.

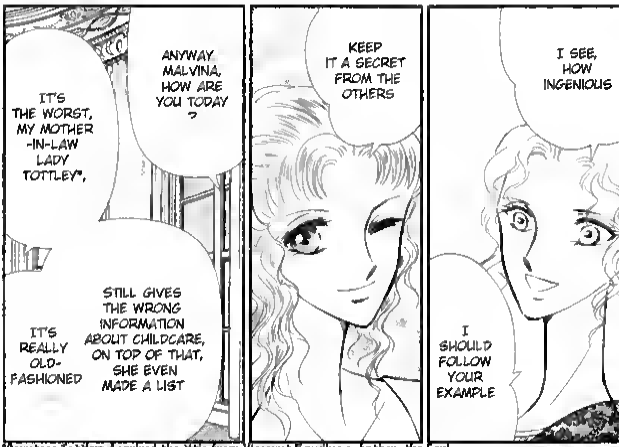
If there really is a woman introducing herself as Lady Sedgewick in my house in London,
I'm sure it's Jack
She must be a doxy Jack hired to impersonate Emmaline
Jack, my solicitor Elliot and his wife, and my butler, Simmons only
The ones who knows about my fake marriage and that Baroness Sedgwick doesn't exist are
From those, the one who think it would be an amusing jest to bring Emmaline to life is...

Jack, remember this.
After I toss this imposter into the streets I'm going to hunt and give you a thorough thrashing
it's him after all, so he may think this a minor prank.
But this is not a joke!
BAM
BAM
BAM

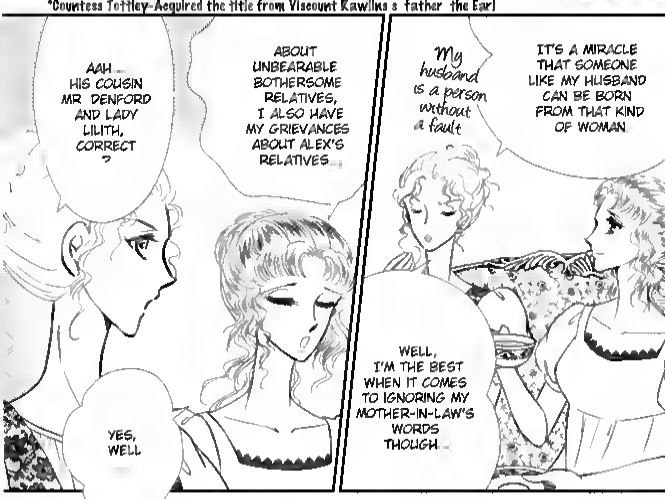
MY LORD ?
OPEN UP, SIMMONS.
IT'S ME
WHO IS IT ?
IS SOMETHING WRONG? I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD STAY AT SEDGWICK ABBEY FOR AT LEAST A MONTH MORE...
WHERE IS 'THAT' ?
'THAT' ... IS ?

THE WOMAN WHO'S BEEN INTRODUCING HERSELF AS LADY SEDGWICK
ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS ?

I JUST TOLD THEM THAT WHEN WE HAVE THE OPENING FETE FOR NEXT SEASON, I'LL TELL EVERYBODY THAT THE WALLPAPERS WERE ORDERED FROM STARLING'S
IT'S NOTHING
THESE WALLPAPERS ARE LOVELY, EMMALINE YOU REALLY HAVE GOOD TASTE
AND YOU EVEN BARGAINED FOR THEM AT HALF PRICE
SEEMS LIKE MR. STARLING THOUGHT THAT THAT WILL BE GOOD PUBLICITY
HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT ?


ANYWAY, MALVINA, HOW ARE YOU TODAY ?
IT'S THE WORST, MY MOTHER -IN-LAW LADY TOTTLEY*,
IT'S REALLY OLD-FASHIONED
STILL GIVES THE WRONG INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDCARE, ON TOP OF THAT, SHE EVEN MADE A LIST
KEEP IT A SECRET FROM THE OTHERS
I SEE, HOW INGENIOUS
I SHOULD FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE

*Countess Tottley-Acquired the title from Viscount Rawlins s father the Earl

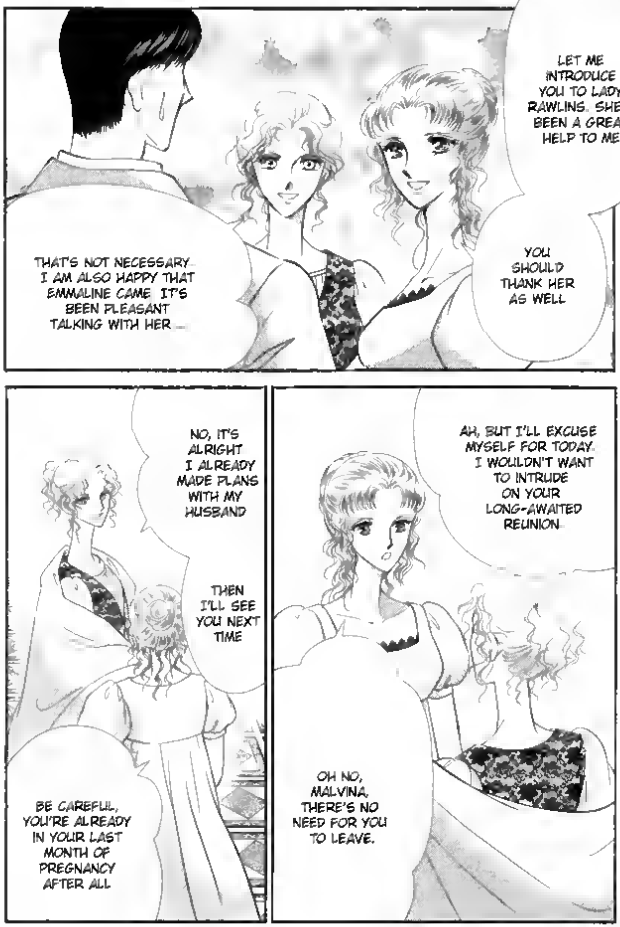

AAH... HIS COUSIN MR DENFORD AND LADY LILITH, CORRECT ?
ABOUT UNBEARABLE BOTHERSOME RELATIVES, I ALSO HAVE MY GRIEVANCES ABOUT ALEX'S RELATIVES...
YES, WELL
My husband is a person without a fault
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT SOMEONE LIKE MY HUSBAND CAN BE BORN FROM THAT KIND OF WOMAN
WELL, I'M THE BEST WHEN IT COMES TO IGNORING MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S WORDS THOUGH...

BAM
A stranger
Who can it be ?

It's completely different from 2 months ago..
Where is this?
The dark and dreary room
As if it's been filled with light like the meadows in the Summer..
AH, LORD SEDGWICK
Baron Sedgwick??

That means the one next to her is
The woman who is impersonating Emmaline
The woman who is enceinte is Lady Rawlins if I remember correctly
OH, MY LOVE !
Smile
OK

YOU'VE COME I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D STILL BE AT SEDGWICK ABBEY FOR THE PRESENT...
BUT I'M STILL VERY HAPPY.
WHA!?
Thump
!
SHH, DON'T MAKE A FUSS AND RAISE A SCANDAL.


LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO LADY RAWLINS. SHE'S BEEN A GREAT HELP TO ME
YOU SHOULD THANK HER AS WELL
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY I AM ALSO HAPPY THAT EMMALINE CAME IT'S BEEN PLEASANT TALKING WITH HER
AH, BUT I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF FOR TODAY. I WOULDN'T WANT TO INTRUDE ON YOUR LONG-AWAITED REUNION
OH NO, MALVINA, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO LEAVE.
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT I ALREADY MADE PLANS WITH MY HUSBAND
THEN I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME
BE CAREFUL, YOU'RE ALREADY IN YOUR LAST MONTH OF PREGNANCY AFTER ALL

But I can't falter here.
Smile
YOU MUST BE TIRED I SHALL TELL MRS SIMMONS TO PREPARE TEA
Aa...
I can feel waves of anger emanating from him.
SLAM
NO, THANK YOU.
MADAME, PACK YOUR THINGS AND LEAVE IMMEDIATELY
SAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ROOM ?
MALVINA AND THE SERVANTS THINK THAT IT'LL BE IMMENSELY POPULAR...
DOES IT PLEASE YOU AS WELL ?

YOU DISLIKE IT ?
IT IS ALSO ORIGINAL
NO, IT'S NOT THAT
TAKE A LOOK AT THE CEILING IT'S LOVELY, ISN'T IT ?
THE WALLPAPER WAS DIFFICULT I COULDN'T REALLY FIND THE ONE THAT FIT THE IMAGE
ER, NO I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE MURAL
I'M NOT ACTING I AM EMMALINE, YOUR WIFE, EMMALINE DENFORD
AT THE VERY LEAST, TO THIS HOUSE'S SERVANTS, MALVINA,
AND THE MERCHANTS IN BOND STREET, I AM LADY SEDGWICK
MADAME I DON'T KNOW OF YOUR INTENTIONS,
STOP ACTING AS MY WIFE AND LEAVE THIS HOUSE IMMEDIATELY

AH, AND THERE'S YOUR COUSIN, THE DENFORDS TOO
WHA-!?
THEY'VE BEEN STAYING HERE SINCE A WEEK AGO
SINCE THEY SAID THAT, THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO BUT WELCOME THEM.
THEY HAVE ALWAYS STAYED HERE WHENEVER THEY COME TO LONDON
THE DENFORDS ?
WHERE ARE THEY NOW? UPSTAIRS ?
NO, AT HIS IN-LAWS HOUSE
THEY'LL RETURN BY NIGHTTIME THOUGH.
DON'T TELL ME HUBERT AND LILITH ?

KYAA-
Thwump
I HAVEN'T TIME FOR THAT.
NO, WAIT A MOMENT, LISTEN TO ME FIRST.
YOU HAVE TO LEAVE HERE QUICKLY
THIS IS BAD THERE'S NO TIME
AVLL
ALEX, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, STOP THIS.
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO TO ME ?
I'LL CALL A HACK AND YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.
THE PLACE I AM SUPPOSED TO BE IS HERE, I AM YOUR WIFE AFTER ALL
I DOUBT THE COURTS WOULD AGREE

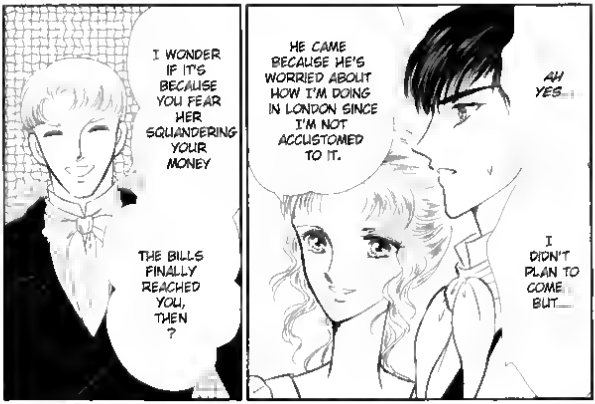
YOU'LL HAVE A FINE TIME EXPLAINING YOURSELF, NOW, WON'T YOU? YOU CAN'T PROVE I'M NOT EMMALINE DENFORD.
TRY IT THEN
!
HOW VERY CLEVER OF YOU
BUT IT'S USELESS TO THREATEN ME—

!!

WE WERE JUST FOOLING AROUND A LITTLE WELCOME BACK, YOU'VE RETURNED EARLY.
ERR, AH... NOTHING.

WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
A... ALEX ...

ALEX, YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE


I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU FEAR HER SQUANDERING YOUR MONEY
THE BILLS FINALLY REACHED YOU, THEN ?
HE CAME BECAUSE HE'S WORRIED ABOUT HOW I'M DOING IN LONDON SINCE I'M NOT ACCUSTOMED TO IT.
AH YES...
I DIDN'T PLAN TO COME BUT...

WHAT A GREAT WASTE OF MONEY
THAT'S RIGHT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW SHE CAN SPEND THAT MUCH MONEY THAT WAY
Grr
NOT AT ALL IT'S VERY RE-FRESHING
WHEN I ENTER THE DRAWING ROOM, IMAGES OF THE MEADOWS AT SEDGWICK ABBEY COMES TO MIND...

YOU KNOW, ALEX, THE BEDROOM HAS ALSO CHANGED A LOT
OH~ I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT
Ah.
THEN WE'LL BE GOING
EXCUSE US, BOTH OF YOU
WE'LL SEE YOU AT DINNER
HOW VULGAR ...

I ALSO DON'T THINK THAT
HE'S EXTREMELY FOND OF HER
ALEX WENT UP TO PRAISE HER REMODELLING OF THE ROOM
LAND SAKES, WHAT WAS SEDGWICK THINKING, HAULING HER ABOUT LIKE SOME SAVAGE
FOR ONE AND ALL TO SEE ?
INVITING HER HUSBAND TO THE BEDROOM IN PUBLIC
THAT WOMAN COULD PRODUCE AN HEIR. WHY, THAT WOULD RUIN EVERYTHING.
NO, THEY CAN'T..
DEAR GOD, THIS IS A DISASTER.
HE MARRIED A SICKLY WOMAN AND HADN'T SHOWN THE LEAST BIT OF CONCERN FOR HIS AILING WIFE,
IT'S SUCH A RELIEF WHEN THEY LIVED SEPARATELY
NOW THAT HER HEALTH APPEARS TO BE ON THE MEND,
YES, IT'S SUCH AN ANNOYING THING,
AND ALEX HAS CHANGED HIS MIND TOO.

SOMEHOW WE HAVE TO BREAK THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND SEPARATE THEM AGAIN, MY DEAR.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ROOM ?
I'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU'RE PLEASED WITH IT
YES, I UNDER-STAND LILITH
I see
The bedroom has also changed a lot.
THE PICTURE THAT WAS HERE BEFORE ?
I don't want to admit it, but it's much more comfortable then before.
I REMOVED IT AND PUT IT IN THE ATTIC
BECAUSE YOU SEE, PUTTING A DOUR OLD MAN'S PORTRAIT IN THE BEDROOM IS JUST NOT THE THING.

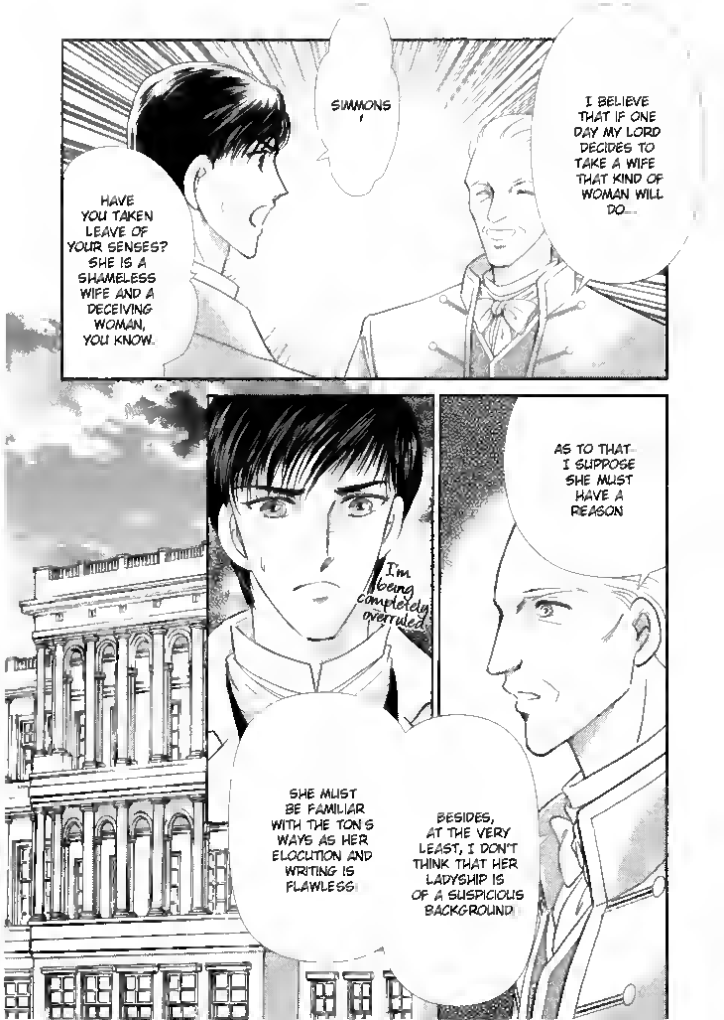
THE PAST HEAD OF THE FAMILY PORTRAIT SHOULD BE THERE,THEN, I SHOULDN'T HAVE REMOVED IT.
Smile
DOKI
OH.
IT'S THE PORTRAIT OF THE 11TH BARON
IT'S NOT THAT I PLANNED TO PRAISE YOU THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS LADY SEDGWICK BORDERS EXTREMELY RUDE, SO I HAD TO SAY SOMETHING.
ENOUGH, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO TELL ME
Thumping again, why is my heart thumping for this woman
THANK YOU FOR EARLIER, ALEX, FOR PRAISING MY REMODELLING I'M SO HAPPY
doki
doki

THERE'S NO NEED TO PLAY DUMB I'VE KNOWN THAT IT'S JACK JACK TREMONT WHO ASKED YOU TO DO THIS
JACK ?
HOW MUCH ARE YOU BEING PAID TO RUIN MY LIFE ?
WHERE DID YOU MEET JACK ?
IF YOU DOUBT THAT, YOU CAN ASCERTAIN THAT WITH THE PERSON HIMSELF
NO, YOU GUESSED WRONG I'VE NEVER EVEN MET THE MAN
JACK TREMONT... AAH, THE DUKE'S THIRD SON
LEAVE HERE IMMEDIATELY !!
WHOEVER HIRED YOU, IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THIS LITTLE PLAY ENDS WHEN I GET BACK
YES, OF COURSE I'LL DO THAT HOWEVER,

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, HAVEN'T I? THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD ACKNOWLEDGES ME AS LADY SEDGWICK IF I SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT KINDS OF SPECULATION WILL ARISE ?
CA. CALM DOWN FIRST THINK PROPERLY. IF YOU TOSS ME OUT NOW, WHAT EXPLANATION WOULD YOU GIVE HUBERT AND LILITH?
IT'S NOT ONLY THEM. MALVINA WON'T BE SILENT ABOUT IT.
IF THEY FIND OUT THAT YOU CREATED A FALSE WIFE.
AND HAVE BEEN DECEIVING THE TON FOR 5 YEARS
IT WILL CAUSE AN UPROAR.
AT THE VERY LEAST, DON'T YOU THINK IT'LL BE HARD TO GET HUBERT AND LILITH'S UNDERSTANDING ?
... I CAN JUST MAKE UP SOME EXCUSES
SINCE IT'S NOT THE SEASON, THERE'S NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE
AH, THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.

NO, YOU CAN'T. FIRST I'LL HAVE HUBERT AND LILITH GONE BY BREAKFAST.
AND THEN I EXPECT YOU TO FOLLOW SUIT.
THEN I CAN STAY IN THIS HOUSE ?
FINE
Oh my He's very angry Though that's under-standable.
Slam
THAT'S WHY YOU STILL HAVE TO PACK, IS THAT CLEAR ?

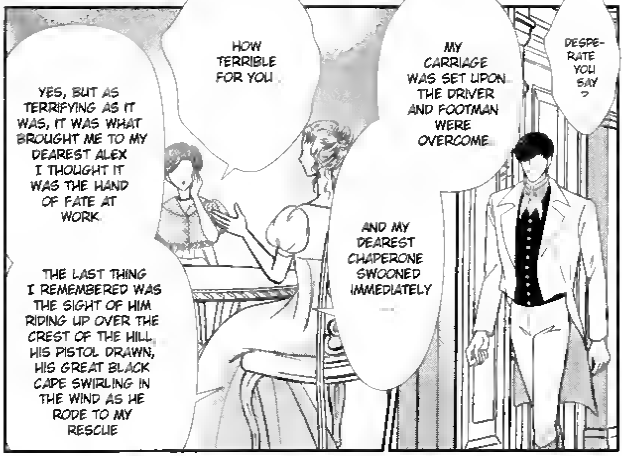
But,
It won't be that easy to drive me out
SIMMONS,
YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I THAT WHOEVER IS UP THERE ISN'T MY WIFE. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, LETTING HER INTO THE HOUSE ?
THE DAY HER LADYSHIP ARRIVE WAS MY DAY-OFF UNFORTUNATELY, I WASN'T PRESENT IN THE MANSION AT THAT TIME
WHEN I RETURNED, EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE WAS IN A STATE OF EXCITEMENT OVER HER LADYSHIP'S ARRIVAL—
AFTER THAT— SINCE SHE WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL, FULL OF LIFE AND GENTLE PERSON,
SO MUCH SO, THAT EVERYONE ADORED HER LADYSHIP
I COULD HARDLY PUT HER OUT WITH EVERYONE FUSSING OVER HER LIKE THAT
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN TALK


SIMMONS
I BELIEVE THAT IF ONE DAY MY LORD DECIDES TO TAKE A WIFE THAT KIND OF WOMAN WILL DO...
HAVE YOU TAKEN LEAVE OF YOUR SENSES? SHE IS A SHAMELESS WIFE AND A DECEIVING WOMAN, YOU KNOW.
I'm being completely overruled.
AS TO THAT I SUPPOSE SHE MUST HAVE A REASON
SHE MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE TON'S WAYS AS HER ELOCUTION AND WRITING IS FLAWLESS.
BESIDES, AT THE VERY LEAST, I DON'T THINK THAT HER LADYSHIP IS OF A SUSPICIOUS BACKGROUND.

I HIRED YOUR WIFE ?
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT IDIOTIC NOTION FROM? WHERE WOULD I GET THE MONEY FOR THAT ?
... YES, WHEN YOU SAY IT THAT WAY, CERTAINLY
I'LL SWEAR ON ANYTHING YOU LIKE I KNOW NOTHING OF THIS!
I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS YOU WHO HIRED HER YOURSELF IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR NOISY RELATIVES AT BAY
It wasn't Jack.
So who sent that woman to me ?

AA, I LOST AGAIN
I THOUGHT FOR CERTAIN I'D WIN THIS TIME...
YOU'RE TOO STRONG, LADY EMMALINE
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME WAS VERY SKILLFUL...
WHOEVER TAUGHT YOU ?
THE PERSON WHO RAISED ME IN PLACE OF MY MOTHER, SHE WAS A MASTER AT CARDS
AH, YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY QUICKLY IN THAT SAVAGE LAND
I'M SORRY BUT I CAN'T REALLY RECALL MY MOTHER
BUT FOR CERTAIN AFRICA IS NOT THE SAME AS ENGLAND IN MANY WAYS...

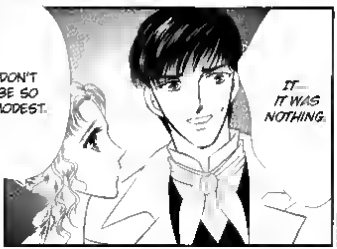
YE-
YES
YOUR FATHER IS STILL IN AFRICA ?
IT WOULD SEEM THAT HE DOESN'T PLAN TO RETURN TO ENGLAND
HOW DID YOU GET ACQUAINTED WITH ALEX ?
WHEN HE WAS MARRIED, I WAS HONESTLY SURPRISED
WHY DID YOU RETURN TO ENGLAND, THEN ?
FATHER WAS WORRIED ABOUT MY HEALTH SO HE RETURNED ME TO ENGLAND AS IT WAS SAID THAT THERE ARE BETTER DOCTORS HERE...
THE FIRST TIME I MET ALEX WAS SHORTLY AFTER I ARRIVED IN ENGLAND
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT WAS A MOST DESPERATE DAY


DESPERATE YOU SAY ?
MY CARRIAGE WAS SET UPON. THE DRIVER AND FOOTMAN WERE OVERCOME.
AND MY DEAREST CHAPERONE SWOONED IMMEDIATELY
HOW TERRIBLE FOR YOU.
YES, BUT AS TERRIFYING AS IT WAS, IT WAS WHAT BROUGHT ME TO MY DEAREST ALEX I THOUGHT IT WAS THE HAND OF FATE AT WORK.
THE LAST THING I REMEMBERED WAS THE SIGHT OF HIM RIDING UP OVER THE CREST OF THE HILL, HIS PISTOL DRAWN, HIS GREAT BLACK CAPE SWIRLING IN THE WIND AS HE RODE TO MY RESCUE

Wh... what is she talking about ?
E... EMMALINE !
AH, ALEX.
I HEARD FROM SIMMONS THAT YOU WENT OUT TO MEET YOUR FRIEND.
HAVE YOU SETTLED YOUR BUSINESS ALREADY ?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO PROFICIENT WITH A PISTOL, ALEX

JUST NOW LADY LILITH SAID
THAT SHE WISHED TO HEAR THE START OF OUR ROMANCE, SO I TOLD HER.
WHA !?


DON'T BE SO MODEST.
IT— IT WAS NOTHING.

Charlotte

E— EMMALINE
ALL I REMEMBER WAS THE SIGHT OF ALEX RIDING FORTH, FOR JUST THEN I WAS STRUCK BY A STRAY BULLET AND RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS
UNTIL I WOKE UP SOMETIME LATER, ALEX'S HANDSOME VISAGE, SO FILLED WITH CONCERN, WAS THE FIRST THING I SAW.
SADLY, I COULDN'T RECALL ANYTHING ELSE—

SLIDE
I APOLOGIZE, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING FROM A PLAY
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME ?
Chuckle
Chuckle
THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE THIS
THAT'S ENOUGH, PLEASE STOP.
TO ME, HE IS THE SAVIOR OF MY LIFE.
THERE'S ONLY A FAINT TRACE OF THE BULLET LEFT, BUT I REALLY THOUGHT THAT I'D DIE FROM THIS WOUND IF ALEX HADN'T ARRIVED.
That is
A Bullet scar ?

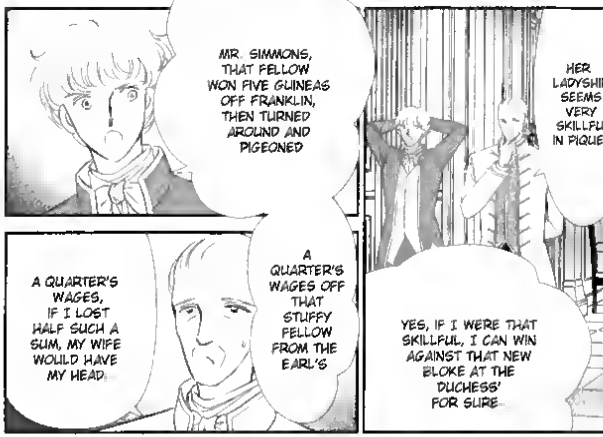
IF YOU SAY SO, MY DEAR.
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT COCK-AND-BULL STORY ?
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN SPRING UP ON OTHER PEOPLE
BUT...
SO PUT AN END TO THIS TALK ALREADY.
IT'S PLENTY UNBELIEVABLE, IT'S TOO UNBELIEVABLE !
I AM NOT THAT KIND OF... DRAMATIC PERSON !
WAS IT WRONG OF ME? I WANT MY LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH YOU TO BE AS DRAMATIC AS POSSIBLE
I PLANNED FOR IT TO BE A BELIEVABLE STORY THOUGH...

WOULDN'T HUBERT AND LILITH GET SUSPICIOUS WITH THAT KIND OF DRAMATIC STORY ?
BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT IT WITH THIS SCAR.

— AS FOR THAT, HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET THAT ?
IT'S NOTHING... NOTHING IMPORTANT.
TO SAY THAT A BULLET WOUND IS NOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT,
YOU MUST HAVE LIVED A VERY HARSH LIFE.
CERTAINLY, IT MIGHT NOT BE A LIFE THAT'S PRAISEWORTHY,

SPEAKING OF ACCUSATIONS, IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR MAKING UP AN IMAGINARY WIFE.
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW
WHO SENT YOU TO THIS HOUSE ?
I WONDER.
CLO
SE
BUT THERE'S ONLY A HANDFUL OF THINGS THAT A WOMAN WITHOUT FAMILY OR RELIABLE GUARDIAN CAN DO.
WITHOUT A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION, GETTING A PROPER EMPLOYMENT IS ALSO IMPOSSIBLE.
IS THAT WHY YOU ARE COMMITTING THIS FRAUD ?

WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO IS VERY SIMPLE. YOU NEED ONLY TO LIVE AS LADY SEDGWICK IN THE LONDON RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF 2 MONTHS
IF YOU CAN COMPLETE THIS JOB SAFELY, I'LL GIVE YOU THE FUNDS FOR THE FIGUET TOURNAMENT
A fortnight more
That's right, no matter what, I must be here for another fortnight !
HER LADYSHIP'S TRIUMPH OVER THE DENFORDS IS NOTHING SHORT OF AMAZING
YES, IT'S AS IF SEEING AN ADULT CHASTISING A CHILD


MR. SIMMONS, THAT FELLOW WON FIVE GUINEAS OFF FRANKLIN, THEN TURNED AROUND AND PIGEONED
HER LADYSHIP SEEMS VERY SKILLFUL IN PIQUET
A QUARTER'S WAGES OFF THAT STUFFY FELLOW FROM THE EARL'S
A QUARTER'S WAGES, IF I LOST HALF SUCH A SUM, MY WIFE WOULD HAVE MY HEAD
YES, IF I WERE THAT SKILLFUL, I CAN WIN AGAINST THAT NEW BLOKE AT THE DUCHESS' FOR SURE

PLAY WHAT ?
MY LADY
YES~~
BUT IF THEY COME THIS THURSDAY, THEY'LL CLEAN US OUT GOOD
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE NOT TO PLAY~~
WE'LL BE LIVING ON THEM CANDLE STUBS TILL NEXT SEASON

OH, SIMMONS, DON'T FRET ON MY ACCOUNT.
NO- NOTHING, MY LADY, I'M SORRY IF WE DISTURBED YOU.
PIQUET.
A FEW OF US PLAY PIQUET EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT
BESIDES, YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION. PLAY WHAT ?
I MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER YOU SOME ASSISTANCE
Piquet!
THERE'S A NEW FOOTMAN OVER AT THE DUCHESS' ACROSS THE SQUARE. HE'S A STRONG LIN...

AND YOU SAY THE DUCHESS' SERVANTS AREN'T VERY GOOD AT CARDS ?
YES, IT'S AS YOU SAID.
WE BELIEVE THE DUCHESS' BUTLER HIRED THIS FELLOW WHILE THE FAMILY WAS AWAY.
IF ONLY TO GET BACK WHAT THEY LOST THIS PAST WINTER
A REGULAR CAPTAIN SHARP, HE IS. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, MA'AM, FOR SAYING SO
AH— BUT,
THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH.
IT'S DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE THE GATHERING LIKE THIS
THEY ARE RATHER AWFUL ALWAYS GOOD FOR A FEW EXTRA POUNDS
THAT IS UNTIL THIS NEW FOOTMAN ARRIVED
NOW WE'LL HAVE TO CALL OFF OUR REGULAR NIGHT.

YOU MIGHT HAVE JUST FOUND A SHARP OF YOUR OWN
Even if the servants of other families raises questions about the lady
The truth probably won't come out.
If I suddenly appear before them.
It shouldn't be a problem if I do it this way.
BAM

AH, MY DEAR, WHAT IS IT ?
THIS IS MY BEDROOM.
AND THIS BED IS MY BED
WAI- WAIT A MOMENT
YOU SAID YOU'RE MY WIFE
DU- DUTY -?
THEN WHILE YOU ARE IN THIS HOUSE, YOU'LL CARRY OUT THAT DUTY.
DON'T ACT ALL INNOCENT, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING OF, DON'T YOU ?

Ah
—

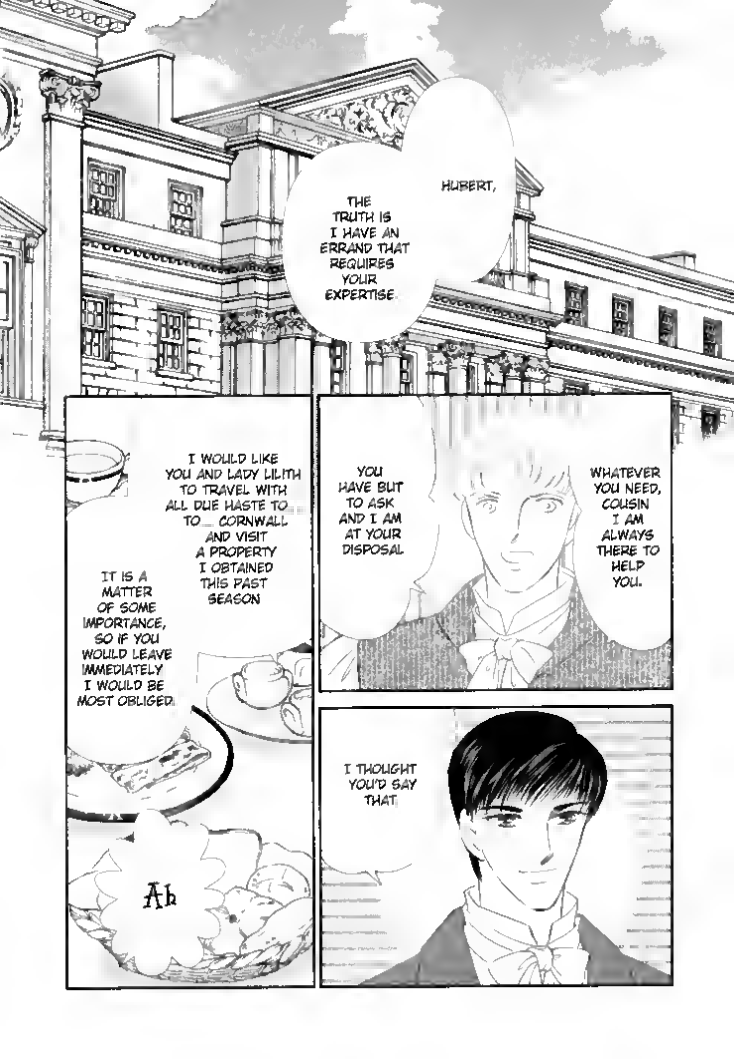
I WASN'T PAID TO-
....
SHOVE
ST.. STOP NOO !!!
IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU'RE PAID, YOU'D SELL YOUR FAVORS
!
SLAP

I'LL USE THE SOFA THEN.
I DON'T SELL MY FAVORS.
I'M NOT THAT KIND OF WOMAN ...
Slide
WAIT.
GOOD NIGHT.

ALEX
I'LL USE THE SOFA.
MAKING A WOMAN SLEEP ON THE SOFA IS HARDLY WHAT A GENTLEMAN WOULD DO.
THANK YOU.
I'M SORRY FOR HITTING YOU

slam
GOOD NIGHT HAVE A PLEASANT DREAM.
Why do I feel like this ?
just with a kiss on the cheek like that
No, it isn't because of the kiss. It's that smile of hers
Even though she's just an imposter who is acting as my wife... why does she give such a pure smile ?
That's right, after I drive out Hubert and Lilith, I'll make her leave here immediately
Don't be deceived. It's her plan.
To act as a pure woman to conciliate with me.

He was described as a dullard and a bore, but this is unexpected.
He is not only extraordinarily handsome, he is also thus good in kissing.
I've fallen in a bit more.
DOKI
DOKI
Hang in there.
Don't fall for unrequited love.
DOKI
It's clear that I'll only suffer if I play with fire.
DOKI


HUBERT,
THE TRUTH IS I HAVE AN ERRAND THAT REQUIRES YOUR EXPERTISE.
WHATEVER YOU NEED, COUSIN I AM ALWAYS THERE TO HELP YOU.
YOU HAVE BUT TO ASK AND I AM AT YOUR DISPOSAL
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT.
I WOULD LIKE YOU AND LADY LILITH TO TRAVEL WITH ALL DUE HASTE TO TO— CORNWALL AND VISIT A PROPERTY I OBTAINED THIS PAST SEASON
IT IS A MATTER OF SOME IMPORTANCE, SO IF YOU WOULD LEAVE IMMEDIATELY I WOULD BE MOST OBLIGED.
Ah

I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T.
THAT... YOU WHAT !?
WHY-EVER NOT ?
WE CAN'T DEPART IMMEDIATELY. CAN'T LEAVE LONDON JUST YET. AT LEAST NOT FOR A FORTNIGHT.
MY BROTHER'S WEDDING. THAT'S WHY WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY LEAVE LONDON UNTIL AFTER THE WEDDING.
THAT'S WHY WE CAME TO LONDON IN THE FIRST PLACE
A WEDDING... THAT'S WONDERFUL. I ADORE WEDDINGS.
MOTHER IS IN A STATE OVER THE ARRANGEMENTS.

TONIGHT? WHAT SLIPPER PARTY ?
YOU CAN LET MOTHER KNOW TONIGHT AT HER SLIPPER PARTY
OF COURSE YOU WILL BE INVITED TO THE WEDDING BREAKFAST
THAT IS, IF YOUR BUSINESS KEEPS YOU IN TOWN THAT LONG
THAT IS TO SAY, EMMALINE'S HEALTH PREVENTS HER FROM-
I... I DON'T THINK WE CAN ATTEND
MOTHER IS HAVING A LITTLE PARTY FOR MY BROTHER'S BETROTHED TO INTRODUCE HER TO A BETTER SORT OF COMPANY
I BELIEVE SHE SENT AROUND AN INVITATION THIS MORNING WHEN SHE HEARD YOU WERE IN TOWN
Seems like her appetite is also fine
SHE LOOKS HEALTHY ENOUGH THOUGH

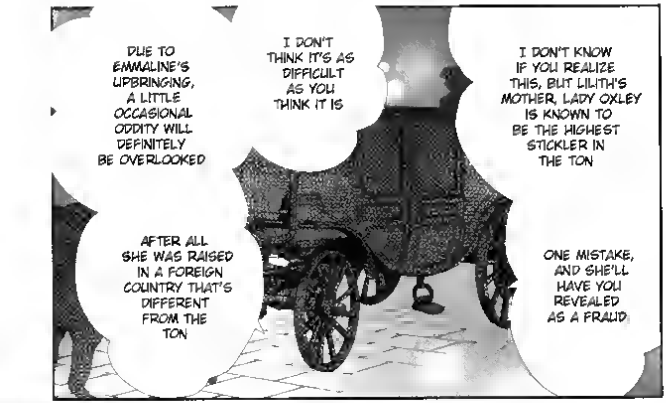
MOTHER IS EXPECTING YOU TO ATTEND
TO SAY THE LEAST, WE ARE FAMILY.
IT WILL CAUSE COMMENT IF YOU ARE IN TOWN AND DON'T DEIGN TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE
WHO ELSE WILL BE ATTENDING ?
THE ONES I'M AWARE OF ARE THE MABBERLYS, MARQUIS OF TEMPLETON, EARL OF LAMDEN AND HIS DAUGHTER
AND THE MARQUIS OF WESTLY WILL ALSO BE THERE
Marquis of Westly !
ALEX, IT'S AS LADY LILITH SAID.
IT WOULD CAUSE UNSEEMLY COMMENT
IF WE DIDN'T ATTEND
CLAT
TER
URGH

SEDGWICK,
ISN'T LADY EMMALINE READY YET ?
COME, HUBERT.
HMPH, THIS IS WHY I DESPISE INCONSI-DERATE—
WELL, THAT'S FINE! SINCE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE LATE, WE'LL LEAVE FIRST
AAH, IT WOULD SEEM NOT
I'M SORRY BUT WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD.

As I thought, no matter what rumors will arise, for that Emmaline to avoid meeting with Lady Oxley is...
I wonder if it will really be fine...
PLEASE DON'T MENTION IT. IT'S FINE THIS IS FOR MY PRECIOUS FRIEND'S SAKE AFTER ALL
I APOLOGIZE FOR REQUESTING YOUR HELP WITH PREPARING HER... I FEAR THERE ARE ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF MAIDS IN MY HOUSEHOLD...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, LORD SEDGWICK.
LADY RAWLINS.
EMMALINE IS HERE.
MOREOVER, MY FRENCH MAID HAS GREAT TALENT. THE RESULT IS VERY LOVELY.

OH MY
YES YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? THERE ISN'T A LADY IN LONDON WHO COULD OUTSHINE HER RIGHT NOW.
AH, NO, OF COURSE YOU LOOK SPLENDID AS WELL.
HOHOHO, THAT'S PUTTING IT A BIT TOO BROWN, LORD SEDGWICK.
I'M SATISFIED JUST BY SEEING THAT LOOK OF YOURS.
EMMALINE AND YOU ARE WELL-SUITED.

HM ?
MALVINA, WHAT IS IT ?
NO, I'M FINE IT'S JUST THE USUAL TWINGE
WELL THEN, I'M GOING HOME
ENJOY YOUR EVENING PARTY
THOUGH THAT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO DO AT LADY OXLEY'S.
YES. THANK YOU, MALVINA
WHY ARE YOU FROWNING LIKE THAT ?


DUE TO EMMALINE'S UPBRINGING, A LITTLE OCCASIONAL ODDITY WILL DEFINITELY BE OVERLOOKED
I DON'T THINK IT'S AS DIFFICULT AS YOU THINK IT IS
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REALIZE THIS, BUT LILITH'S MOTHER, LADY OXLEY IS KNOWN TO BE THE HIGHEST STICKLER IN THE TON
AFTER ALL SHE WAS RAISED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE TON
ONE MISTAKE, AND SHE'LL HAVE YOU REVEALED AS A FRAUD!

NOT ANOTHER OF YOUR RUINOUS BANBURY TALES, OR I WILL TOSS YOU OUT AND TELL ONE AND ALL YOU'VE GONE AROUND THE BEND.
THERE WILL BE NO MORE OF YOUR STORIES NO MORE BOUNCERS ABOUT HIGHWAYMEN OR OTHER SUCH ROT.
AT ANY RATE, BEHAVE AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE
BUT... SINCE IT'S ALREADY LIKE THIS, IT CAN'T BE HELPED
LADY OXLEY IS NOT THAT GENEROUS A PERSON

IT SUITS YOU YOU LOOK QUITE DASHING.
THA- THAT'S BECAUSE SIMMONS SAID IT'S AN EVENING PARTY SO...
...YOUR HAIR IS DIFFER-ENT THAN USUAL
YES, ALEX, NO MORE STORIES,
I PROMISE
SAY, ALEX, DO I LOOK LIKE YOUR EMMALINE? LIKE A LADY ?
NO. NOT IN THE LEAST. THE EMMALINE I CREATED IS AS DIFFERENT A PERSON FROM YOU.
MY EMMALINE IS A SHY ENGLISH VIOLET, A QUIET AND DEFERENTIAL SORT OF WOMAN.
...SHE IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF ME
CRAC KLE
OF COURSE SHE IS BORN FROM A FAMILY THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE DENFORD FAMILY.

SCREECH
KYAA !
THUNK
BE CAREFUL
AH...
DOKI
DO KI
CERTAINLY THERE ARE A LOT OF WOMAN LIKE THAT
BUT
THERE'S A LOT OF WOMEN THAT'S LIKE YOUR EMMALINE IN THE TON
BUT WHY ARE YOU STILL UNMARRIED ?
DOKI
DO KI

ALEX...
THE THING IS, THAT THAT KIND OF WOMAN
IS NOT CHARMING AT ALL
Ah..!

NO STOP, ALEX.
MY HAIR WILL ...
I KNOW.
BUT I CAN'T STOP MYSELF

GREETINGS, LORD SEDGWICK
THANK YOU FOR INVITING US, LADY OXLEY
THIS MUST BE YOUR WIFE AM I RIGHT? SHE LOOKS EXCEEDINGLY WELL NOW
GREETINGS, I'M HAPPY TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE
EVEN THOUGH YOUR HAIR IS IN DISORDER ?
WHEN I DESCENDED FROM THE CARRIAGE, I STAGGERED AND COLLIDED WITH MY HUSBAND, AT THAT TIME, IT WAS...
AH, IS THAT SO ?
THEN DO BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME
GOOD EVENING, LADY OXLEY
AH, MARQUIS OF TEMPLETON, WELCOME

AFTER ALL, IT'S YOUR FAULT. I TOLD YOU TO STOP.
IT'S YOUR FAULT TO TEMPT ME WITH THOSE EYES.
THAT DOESN'T COUNT AS A STORY.
I TOLD YOU THAT YOU ARE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING UP SUCH STORIES
Or do you prefer me telling her the truth?
I DID NO SUCH THING ...
SHHH, WE'LL CONTINUE THIS AT HOME, ALRIGHT?
YOU WILL NOT
BELIEVE WHAT I HEARD ABOUT LADY BENNETT RECENTLY.
I UNDER-STAND.
ANYWAY, DON'T SLIP UP AND FOR GOD'S SAKE, BEHAVE AS INCONSPICUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE

Lady Bennett, you've finally done it.
Excellent!
GRIP
NO!
SHE'S GONE AND LEFT HER HUSBAND.
IT ISN'T SURPRISING,
HER MOTHER WAS A THORPE AFTER ALL,
AND THAT FAMILY IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR.
BREEDING WILL ALWAYS TELL, WON'T IT?
STILL, IT IS UNFORTUNATE HOW HAPHAZARD MARRIAGE HAS BECOME,
What's so demeaning about that Lord Bennett was a beast after all
IT COMES FROM MARRYING BENEATH YOU
NOT ALL OF US ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO ESCAPE SUCH A FATE
BUT LADY OXLEY,

WELL, I'M SHOCKED YOU WOULD SAY SUCH A THING, LADY OXLEY
LADY SEDGWICK, BECAUSE OF YOUR SAVAGE UPBRINGING AND POOR HEALTH
YOU HAVEN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS
THE REFINEMENT THAT CAREFUL BREEDING BRINGS TO HIGH SOCIETY
AH, NO, I JUST DON'T THINK THAT SOMEONE WITH THORPE ANCESTORS, ALBEIT A DISTANT ONE
ARE YOU IMPLYING I AM RELATED TO LADY BENNETT ?
I'M NOT IMPLYING SIMPLY STATING A FACT
WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ANOTHER RELATION
Smile

WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE THORPES ?
YOUR MOTHER WAS A HARRIS AND HER FATHER WAS THE EARL OF WHITEHEAD.
THE GRANDMOTHER'S FATHER, BARON HASTINGS, INHERITED THE TITLE FROM HIS COUSIN, REGINALD HASTINGS
THE EARL OF WHITEHEAD'S GRANDMOTHER WAS A HASTINGS

THE HASTINGS LINE WAS DESCENDED FROM SIR REGINALD THORPE IN OTHER WORDS YOU AND LADY BENNETT ARE COUSINS OF A SORT.
THIS KIND OF COUSINLY DISTINCTION IS VERY DIFFICULT BUT BLOODLINES ARE BLOODLINES, DON'T YOU THINK SO?

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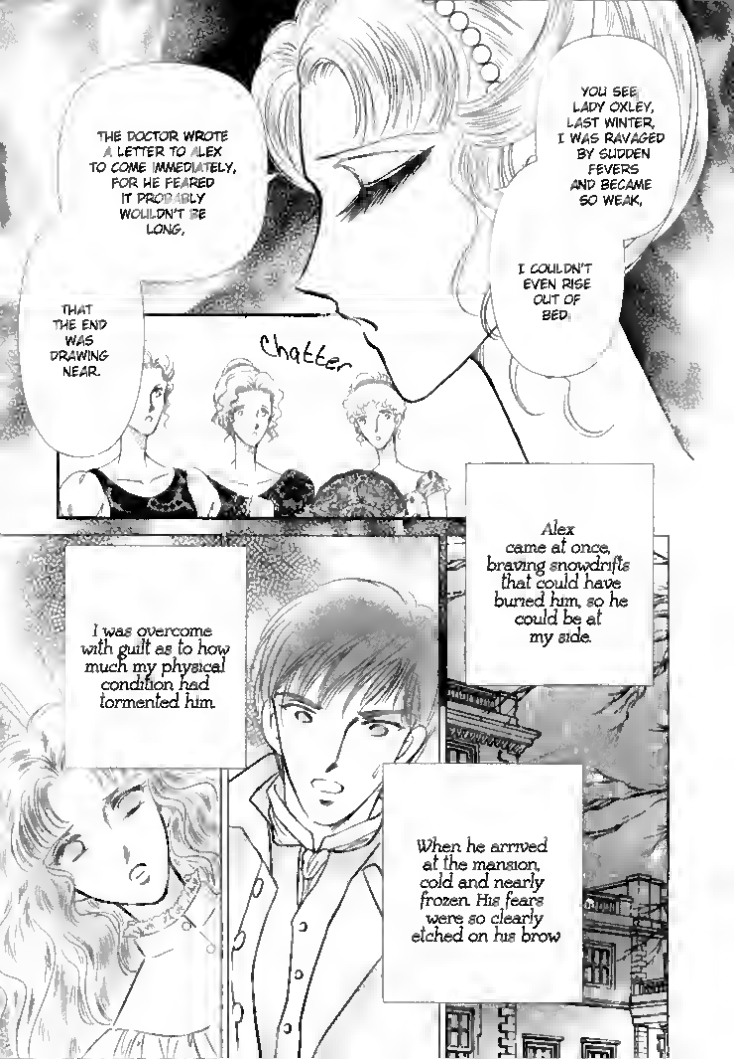
I LEARNED TO READ WITH A COPY LEFT TO ME BY MY DEAR DEPARTED MOTHER.
SO I HOLD IT IN MY HAND MANY TIMES...
AFTER ALL IT IS THE ONLY MEMENTO LEFT FROM MY LATE MOTHER.
I AM SURE LADY SEDGWICK IS JUST CONFUSED ABOUT THE CONNECTION.
CALM DOWN LILITH
THEN YOU SHALL SEE-
I'LL FETCH MOTHER'S COPY IMMEDIATELY
HOW IS THAT MY DEAR ?
HOW COULD IT BE THAT YOU'VE BEEN SO CLOSE TO DEATH'S DOOR FOR SO LONG,
AND NOW, WHY TO LOOK AT YOU, ONE COULD HARDLY IMAGINE THAT YOU'VE EVER BEEN SICK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE
YES, MY MOTHER GAVE UP SO MUCH TO STAY BY MY FATHER'S SIDE, EVEN HER VERY LIFE...
YOUR MOTHER DIED EARLY, DID SHE NOT ?
YOUR WEAK HEALTH WAS INHERITED FROM YOUR MOTHER THEN ?
WHAT A TRAGIC TALE...

YES, MY HUSBAND. I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS HE WENT IN ORDER TO SEE THAT I LIVED.
I CAN TELL YOU THAT MUCH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
LORD SEDGWICK'S ?
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, LADY OXLEY. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I AM THE WOMAN BEFORE YOU.
HOWEVER, IT WAS HIS DEAREST DEVOTION THAT WORKED THIS MIRACLE.
CHUCKLE
THAT LORD SEDGWICK, HUH
IT'S REALLY HARD TO IMAGINE.
IN OTHER WORDS, ARE YOU TELLING US THAT LORD SEDGWICK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR MIRACULOUS RECOVERY ?
SNICKER
SNICKER
YES, IT WAS HIS LOVE AND DEVOTION THAT SAVED ME.
Grrr


YOU SEE, LADY OXLEY, LAST WINTER, I WAS RAVAGED BY SUDDEN FEVERS AND BECAME SO WEAK,
I COULDN'T EVEN RISE OUT OF BED.
THE DOCTOR WROTE A LETTER TO ALEX TO COME IMMEDIATELY, FOR HE FEARED IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE LONG,
THAT THE END WAS DRAWING NEAR.
Chatter
Alex came at once, braving snowdrifts that could have buried him, so he could be at my side.
When he arrived at the mansion, cold and nearly frozen. His fears were so clearly etched on his brow
I was overcome with guilt as to how much my physical condition had tormented him.

EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME, THERE'S NO POSSIBILITY THAT HE WILL REMARRY
YOU MUST KNOW THE SEDGWICK BARONS ARE OVERLY CAUTIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO MARRIAGE, BUT TO WED TWICE ?
AND THAT WAS MY WORST FEAR.
THAT ALEX WOULD CARRY HIS LOVE FOR ME TO THE GRAVE AND DIE WITHOUT AN HEIR.
HE ALREADY HAS AN HEIR, HASN'T HE ?
OF COURSE HE TRUSTS AND RESPECTS HUBERT BUT
A MAN SURELY WANTS HIS OWN CHILDREN TO INHERIT.
YES, IF THAT HAPPENED, CERTAINLY HUBERT WOULD INHERIT
BUT I KNOW ALEX LONGED FOR HIS OWN SON
AT THAT MOMENT I RESOLVED TO LIVE NO MATTER WHAT.

EMMALINE MY BELOVED EMMALINE,
He did everything he could to take care of me and he said this often.
LIVE SO I MAY SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS WITH YOU.
I WANTED TO RESPOND TO HIS LOVE AND DEVOTION NO MATTER HOW I DID IT.
THEN A MIRACLE HAPPENED.
I REGAINED MY HEALTH.
AND HERE I AM NOW HERE TODAY.

LORD SEDGWICK,
WE'VE MISUNDERSTOOD YOU. TO THINK WE'D THOUGHT YOU STUFFY AND A DREADFUL BORE AH, DO FORGIVE US
HUH ?
BUT REALLY, WE ARE IMPRESSED.
I BEG YOUR PARDON ?
IT'S ALRIGHT— YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT, YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU TRANSMITTED YOUR LOVE PROPERLY, YOUR WIFE'S LIFE WAS SAVED... WHAT A WONDERFUL STORY
YES, YOUR DEVOTION AND LOVE... I WASN'T THERE TO HEAR THE STORY. NOR MY FRIEND, PLEASE TELL US HOW IT WAS
WHAT STORY DID MY WIFE ...?

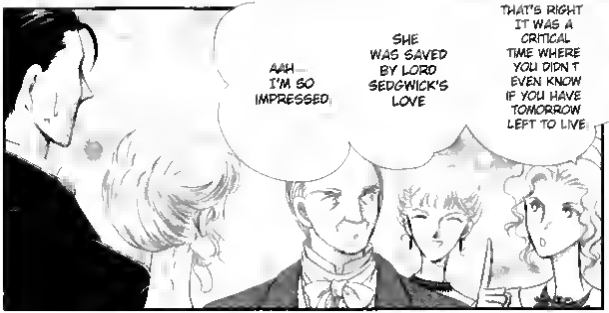
AH, MY LOVE
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU HAVE SUCH A FRIGHTFUL EXPRESSION.
HE IS JEALOUS BECAUSE A MAN IS CLOSE TO HIS BELOVED WIFE
EMMALINE
Really, what kind of rumor has she been spreading?
She promised not to make up stories like this anymore.
I HEARD FROM YOUR COUSIN DENFORD, THAT LADY EMMALINE IS VERY GOOD AT CARDS
I WAS JUST ASKING HER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PIQUET TOURNAMENT I HOLD EVERY YEAR. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW YOUNG LADY PARTICIPANTS
NOW NOW IT'S FINE TO BE WORRIED
MARQUIS OF WESTLY, NO, IT ISN'T LIKE THAT...

IF IT'S YOU, YOU WOULDN'T BE UNWILLING TO PUT FORTH YOUR BELOVED WIFE'S STAKE, LORD SEDGWICK
THEN IT'S DECIDED
pat
pat
BUT IT SEEMS REALLY FUN FROM WHAT YOU'VE SAID.
HUBERT IS EXAGGERATING I AM NOT A VERY SKILLFUL PLAYER.
IF MY HUSBAND ALLOWS ME, I WOULD LOVE TO PARTICIPATE.
THIS IS PERFECT! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED I'VE WANTED TO MEET HIM FOR SO LONG
EMMALINE YOU...!
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO TWO WEEKS HENCE, LADY EMMALINE
OF COURSE IT'S ABOUT THE PIQUET TOURNAMENT
HIM? LORD WESTLY? WHY?
YES, LORD WESTLY.

I'LL TEACH HIM HOW VAST THE WORLD IS
YES
DON'T TELL ME YOU REALLY WANT TO GO ?
THAT'S RECKLESS.. LORD WESTLY IS AN EXPERT IN PIQUET TO COMPETE WITH HIM ONLY MEANS THROWING AWAY MONEY
SIR FRANCIS NEELEY AND HIS DEAR WIFE LADY NEELEY
SIR FRANCIS, THIS IS BARON SEDGWICK AND HIS WIFE
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY COUSINS
LORD SEDGWICK LADY SEDGWICK
EMMALINE !

WELL, WELL, YOU'VE A BEAUTIFUL WIFE I'M ENVIOUS, LORD SEDGWICK
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
ALEXANDER DENFORD
I'M NEVER WRONG ON THESE ACCOUNTS
I DON'T SEE HOW WE COULD HAVE MET I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE NORTHERN COUNTIES
I'M SURE WE'VE MET BEFORE
YOUR FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR
EH ?
HAVE WE MET SOMEWHERE? BEEN TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OF LATE HAVE YOU ?
SHOCK
N... NO, SIR

PERHAPS IT WAS AT THE SHACKLEFORD-DEMSLEY HOUSE PARTY LAST WINTER
Emmaline
NOW, THERE WAS A FULL HOUSE, EASY TO MISS SOMEONE IN THAT CROWD
Damn it! Unconciously participated in her lies!
SIR FRANCIS, MY WIFE WAS INFIRM AT THAT TIME
SHE WAS IN A STATE WHERE SHE COULDN'T EVEN RISE OUT OF BED.
HOW TERRIBLE


AAH— I'M SO IMPRESSED.
SHE WAS SAVED BY LORD SEDGWICK'S LOVE
THAT'S RIGHT IT WAS A CRITICAL TIME WHERE YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU HAVE TOMORROW LEFT TO LIVE

MY HUSBAND THINKS EVERYONE LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE
I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST NOTION.
AH— STILL NO MATTER HOW I LOOK LETTY, WHO DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?

YOU WON'T BE FIT COMPANY UNTIL WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS
You are too persistent
OH BOTHER, FRANCIS.
NO, I DON'T THINK SO.
I'M USUALLY CORRECT WHEN I SAY I'VE MET SOMEONE

I THINK SHE RESEMBLES THAT WOMAN THE DUCHESS OF CHEVERTON KEEPS AS A COMPANION
HER NAME IS— ERRR, WHAT WAS IT ?
AH, LADY SEDGWICK, PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED
PERHAPS—
MAY I ?
THE WOMAN THE SHACKLEFORD-DEMSLEY'S TOOK IN LAST WINTER WHEN SHE WAS ROBBED ON HER WAY BACK TO REJOIN THE DUCHESS,
THE ONE WHO BEAT EVERYONE AT PARMIEL AND THEN DISAPPEARED SO ABRUPTLY
THAT'S HER, MISS DOYLE! THAT'S THE WOMAN.
SHE TOOK ME FOR TWENTY POUNDS RUTHLESS AT CARDS SHE WAS
DOYLE, YOU SAID !?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S THAT HORRID MISS DOYLE

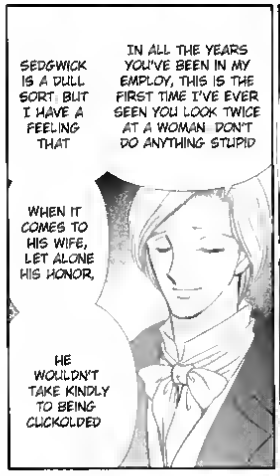
THREE YEARS AGO MY SISTER REGINA WAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE BY THAT DREADFUL GIRL AFTER SHE AFFORDED HER EVERY COMFORT AND CONSIDERATION
THAT GIRL BETRAYED HER BY CONVINCING MY NIECE TO ELOPE WITH THE NEIGHBOR'S SECOND SON SHE RETURNED EVIL FOR GOOD DEEDS
AND IF THAT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH, SHE DISAPPEARED QUITE ALTOGETHER WITHOUT SO MUCH AS AN APOLOGY
When it was well known she was intended for the heir
WHAT AN INTERFERING AND AWFUL WOMAN
I SAY, IT IS A SHAME HER GRACE KEEPS THE GEL EMPLOYED
The parmel-playing, reckless, meddling companion.
Don't tell me..!
HOW TRUE.

Chatter
GOOD NIGHT
PLEASE COME TO OUR PARTY NEXT TIME, TOO.
IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL NIGHT, TO BE TOLD SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE STORY.
Chatter
GOOD NIGHT. LORD SEDGWICK LADY SEDGWICK

WHO IS THAT? THE ONE GETTING IN THAT CARRIAGE...
MY LORD.

ELTON,
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT ?

HM ?
HIM? THAT'S BARON SEDGWICK


IN ALL THE YEARS YOU'VE BEEN IN MY EMPLOY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN YOU LOOK TWICE AT A WOMAN. DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID
SEDGWICK IS A DULL SORT. BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT
WHEN IT COMES TO HIS WIFE, LET ALONE HIS HONOR,
HE WOULDN'T TAKE KINDLY TO BEING CUCKOLDED

AND THE WOMAN ?
GAWKING AFTER A NOBLEMAN'S WIFE? THINK OF YOUR AGE. YOU SHOCK ME.

Nobleman's wife?

THAT WOMAN ISN'T HIS WIFE
SHE IS...
EH ?
MY DAUGHTER.
Daughter !?

IS IT TRUE ?
WHAT ?
WHAT LADY NEELEY HAD SAID.
ARE YOU THIS MISS DOYLE ?
THE DUCHESS OF CHEVERTON'S COMPANION ?
THE TRUTH, MADAM.
OR I'LL HAUL YOU BACK TO THE DUCHESS AND DAMN THE CONSEQUENCES
YES, THAT WAS ME
HOWEVER, I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND TAKING ME TO THE DUCHESS

WHY NOT ?
I'VE ACTUALLY NEVER MET THE DUCHESS
IF YOU'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MET THE DUCHESS OF CHEVERTON,
HOW IS IT THAT YOU'RE HER COMPANION, MISS DOYLE ?
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD TONIGHT, YOU'VE DECEIVED THE SHACKLEFORD-DEMSLEYS, SIR FRANCIS, AND LADY JARVIS'S SISTER.
I DIDN'T INSTIGATE LADY JARVIS'S NIECE ELOPEMENT
SHE DIDN'T LIKE THE MARRIAGE HER PARENTS RECOMMENDED.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE A SWINDLER.
NATURALLY THERE IS NO MAN MORE WORTHY THAN AN HEIR.
AND I'D ONLY TOLD HER TO LIVE HONESTLY ACCORDING TO HER HEART

IT'S TRUE THAT I'VE WANDERED AROUND NOBLES' MANORS POSING AS THE DUCHESS' COMPANION
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, I HAVE NO EXCUSE TO DENY I AM A SWINDLER
IT'S THE LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO NEEDS THE OFFERING OF A MEAL AND BED TO KEEP LIVING
WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING ?
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE
WHAT ARE THE CHOICES LEFT FOR A WOMAN ALONE IN THE WORLD, WITHOUT PROTECTION OF NAME OR FAMILY ?
I DON'T WANT TO WAIT ON DRUNKARDS IN A PUB OR SELL MY BODY

FROM WHO ?
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT
BUT UNTIL THE MARQUIS OF WESTLY'S PIQUET TOURNAMENT I WILL PLAY THE PART OF YOUR WIFE
I ALREADY HAVE THE MONEY FOR THE PIQUET TOURNAMENT
BUT I MYSELF UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN'T CONTINUE THIS KIND OF LIVING
MOREOVER, I DON'T WANT TO WANDER FROM
ONE CITY TO ANOTHER AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE'S KINDNESS ANYMORE
I WILL OBTAIN AND COLLECT MORE FROM THE PIQUET TOURNAMENT
THIS TIME, THIS WORK WAS REQUESTED OF ME,
THEN I WILL OPEN A SHOP IN THE COUNTRY AND HANDLE SUNDRIES
WAS TO SPEND A LITTLE WHILE POSING AS YOUR WIFE---
I WILL LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE THAT'S WHAT I HAD PLANNED

PLEASE! JUST THIS ONCE PLEASE LET ME POSE AS YOUR WIFE FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
JUST 2 WEEKS MORE... DURING THAT TIME I WON'T TAKE ONE STEP OUT OF THE MANOR. I WON'T MEET ANYONE I PROMISE. SO...
THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED A FORTNIGHT
BUT WINNING IN CARDS ISN'T PREDICTABLE
IF YOU'RE WORRIED, I'VE NEVER LOST TO ANYONE IN PARMIEL.
AS YOUR WIFE, I... NO
TH... THAT'S BECAUSE LADY OXLEY SAID SOMETHING INSULTING ABOUT YOU
I CAN'T TRUST YOUR PROMISES ANYMORE
WHILE POSING AS EMMALINE,
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE PROMISED TO NOT MAKE-UP ANY STORIES
I THOUGHT IT WAS MY DUTY TO PROTECT YOUR HONOR.
YOU SPREAD AN OUTRAGEOUS RUMOR

UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE THE PASSION TO COME RUNNING AND PUSHING MY WAY THROUGH DEEP SNOWDRIFTS FOR A WOMAN.
YES, IT'S TRUE THAT AFTER THAT, I BECAME THE IDEAL HUSBAND WHO DEDICATES HIS DEVOTION AND LOVE TO HIS WIFE
YOU ALSO PREFER THAT KIND OF MAN, DON'T YOU ?
JUST LIKE EVERYONE SAID, I'M JUST A BORE AND A DULLARD
THAT IS—
IN ANY CASE,
YOU DO REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE THAT YOU'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SPEAK EVEN ONE WORD OF NONSENSE, DON'T YOU ?

From this it's more obvious than anything
There's no way he'll let me stay anymore...
This is the end
AH, MY LORD, MY LADY.
THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE COME HOME, AND IN TIME.
WHATEVER IS WRONG ?
LADY RAWLINS IS ASKING FOR MY LADY.

LORD RAWLING HAS BEEN OVER HERE MANY TIMES
IT SEEMS HER CONTRACTIONS HAVE STARTED... BUT I FEAR THE NEWS IS NOT GOOD...
MALVINA ?
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER ?
IT SEEMS THAT HER LADYSHIP WOULD FIND LADY SEDGWICK'S COMPANY A COMFORT BEFORE... BEFORE...
OH NO !
LADY EMMALINE !
DASH

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M IN A HURRY. CAN WE TALK LATER ?
YOUR BEHAVIOR TONIGHT WAS SIMPLY APPALLING.
I KNOW YOU AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH LONDON WAYS BUT
WAIT A MOMENT. I WOULD HAVE A WORD WITH YOU, COUSIN EMMALINE.
LADY LILITH, NOW IS
IT'S NOT NECESSARY YOUR CONDUCT TOWARD MY MOTHER—
LILITH
RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE FOR YOU !!
MOVE !!
SHOCK

She is not a lady
A lady wouldn't run with all her might at midnight while her hair is unravelled
But she is so beautiful that way
I

LORD RAWLINS, WHERE'S MALVINA ?
PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
LADY SEDGWICK
YOU'VE COME.
THANK GOODNESS, YOU'RE IN TIME
IS THAT MALVINA ?
YES, SHE HAS BEEN IN GREAT PAIN FOR AWHILE

GO YOUR FRIEND IS WAITING FOR YOU, EMMALINE
AAAGH
I... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CHILDBIRTH
I CAN'T DO THIS WHAT IF SHE...
LADY SEDGWICK, IT'S ENOUGH FOR YOU JUST TO BE BY HER SIDE, PLEASE
AAAAA
GULP

I DOUBT THIS IS HER END
YOUR WIFE
THAT SHE HAS A TREMENDOUS CAPACITY FOR LIVING.
AAH... I CAN'T LISTEN ANYMORE
WHAT HAVE I DONE TO HER ?
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE I DIDN'T KNOW IT WOULD COME TO THIS
SORRY
I FORGOT ABOUT LADY SEDGWICK'S HEALTH
MY
THAT DAY IS
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER WHEN YOUR TIME COMES, WHEN YOU'RE PACING ABOUT DOWNSTAIRS WAITING FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE

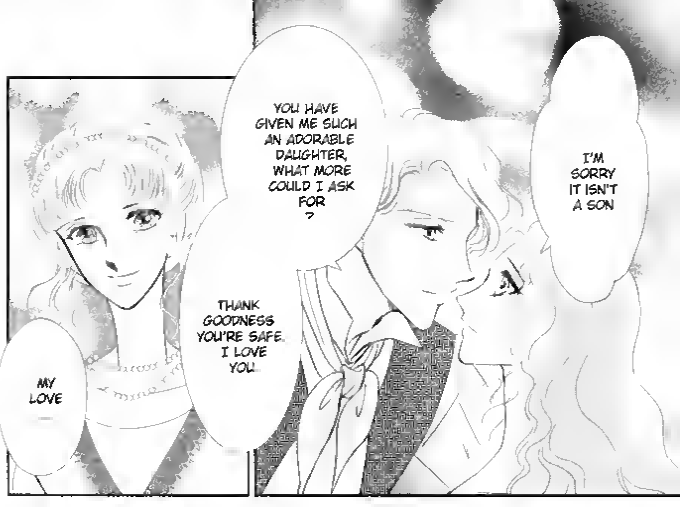
HAAA
AH! IT'S COMING OUT WRONG. IT WON'T DO IF YOU DON'T TURN THE BABY OVER.
prickle
DAMN IT! I'M SORRY.
NO IT'S FINE. DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF.
SHE CAN'T PUSH.
NATURE IS TELLING HER TO PUSH, BUT YOU CAN'T LET HER.
IT... IT ISN'T OVER YET? AAA...
MALVINA, HANG IN THERE!
AAAAA!!!

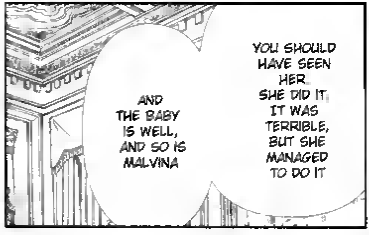
NOT YET, YOU CAN'T PUSH, MALVINA. YOU CAN'T PUSH
AAAA~~
I'M DYING, EMMALINE. I CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.
MALVINA. MALVINA. LISTEN TO ME
TELL RAWLINS I LOVED HIM.
I WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD TO BE HIS COUNTESS
Huff
Huff
Huff
Think of something else-
DISTRACT HER.
GIVE HER SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT, MY LADY.

MOTHER-IN-LAW
Huff
Huff
LADY TOTTLEY ?
MALVIN, DON'T YOU DARE DIE !
Countess ... That's it !
DO YOU WANT THIS CHILD TO BE RAISED BY YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW? BY LADY TOTTLEY?
YES. LADY TOTTLEY WHO ELSE WOULD BE LEFT TO HIRE THE BABY'S NANNY AND TUTORS BUT LADY TOTTLEY ?
IF IT'S A SON, IT MIGHT BE ALRIGHT, BUT WHAT IF IT'S A DAUGTHER ?
GRIP
NN.. NO
WOULD YOU HAVE THAT OLD HARRIDAN RAISING YOUR DAUGHTER? CHOOSING HER FINISHING SCHOOL ?
ACCOMPANYING HER WHEN SHE IS PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN ?
NEVER !!

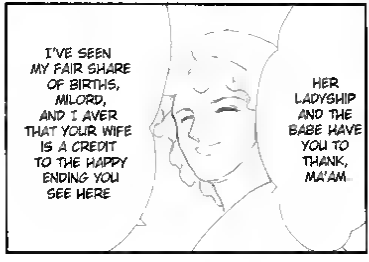
I... I,
I... I WON'T ALLOW THAT
THIS TIME FOR SURE, SHE WILL CHOOSE A PROPER LADY FOR HER SON
AND YOU KNOW LADY TOTTLEY WON'T REST UNTIL LORD RAWLINS REMARRIED,
Huff
pant
MY LORD, YOU ARE WANTED UPSTAIRS.
WHAT DO I NEED TO DO ?

MY LOVE,
BAM
MALVINA
COME IN, RAWLINS, AND SEE YOUR DAUGHTER.


I'M SORRY IT ISN'T A SON
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME SUCH AN ADORABLE DAUGHTER, WHAT MORE COULD I ASK FOR ?
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE. I LOVE YOU.
MY LOVE


YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HER. SHE DID IT. IT WAS TERRIBLE, BUT SHE MANAGED TO DO IT
AND THE BABY IS WELL, AND SO IS MALVINA

EMMALINE, ARE YOU WELL ?
YES, ALEX


I'VE SEEN MY FAIR SHARE OF BIRTHS, MILORD, AND I AVER THAT YOUR WIFE IS A CREDIT TO THE HAPPY ENDING YOU SEE HERE
HER LADYSHIP AND THE BABE HAVE YOU TO THANK, MA'AM.

I KNOW THESE THINGS, BUT WHEN A WOMAN GIVES UP, SHE'S LOST FOR CERTAIN
IT WAS ALL MALVINA
YOU GAVE HER THE STRENGTH AND THE WILL TO LIVE WHEN SHE'D ALL BUT GIVEN UP, MILADY.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. I HAVE NO SKILLS IN THESE THINGS.
A child huh
WHEN YOUR TIME COMES, MILADY, SEND FER ME
YOU GO AHEAD AND SAY THAT, BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH
IT WOULD BE MY HONOR.

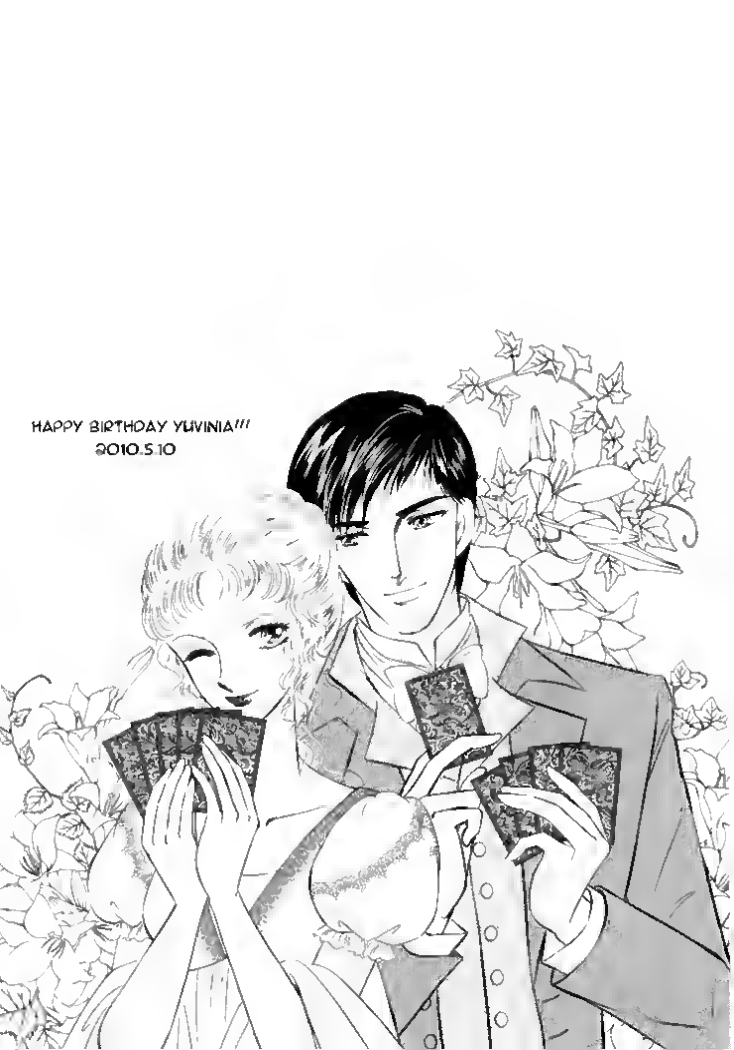
WELCOME BACK, MY LORD, MY LADY
HOW FARES LADY RAWLINS ?
VERY WELL SHE DELIVERED A FINE DAUGHTER THIS MORNING
OH, MY LADY'S NAME? THAT'S WONDERFUL !
LUCINDA EMMALINE WITHERSPOON
THE VISCOUNT MUST BE REJOICING

WILL MY LORD FEEL THAT KIND OF HAPPINESS SOON AS WELL ?
I AM WELL PLEASED TO HEAR IT.
AH, IT SEEMS LIKE HE HAD RUN FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR TO THE PEAK OF HAPPINESS. HE IS ALREADY LOVESTRUCK WITH HIS NEW-BORN DAUGHTER.
WHEN WE LEFT, LADY RAWLING WAS WRITING OUT LUCINDA'S APPLICATION FOR MISS EMERY'S ESTABLISHMENT.
IT SEEMS CHOOSING THE RIGHT FINISHING SCHOOL FOR HER DAUGHTER CAN'T BE PUT OFF OR LEFT TO CHANCE
NO, I WON'T TAKE LONG. I HAVE BUT TO GET MY BAGS.
MY LADY, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU ?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE VISCOUNT AND MY LORD ARE THE SAME AGE ...
Oh no, I should have kept quiet

CREAK
Get her bags?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GETTING MY THINGS
I'LL FINISH SOON THERE'S NOT A LOT AFTER ALL
MY OLD DRESSES AND UNDER-GARMENTS,
A COMPLETE SET OF PIQUET I GOT FROM GRAND-MOTHER,

THESE ARE ALL MY PROPERTY.
AND A MEMENTO OF MY MOTHER, A COPY OF DEBRETT'S WITH ITS MISSING PAGE
I DIDN'T TAKE EVEN ONE OF THE DRESSES AND JEWELRIES YOU BOUGHT, SO YOU NEED NOT WORRY.
YOU HAVE SAID THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST MY PROMISES BUT AS LONG AS I CAN, DESPITE MYSELF, I KEEP MY PROMISES.
GOODBYE, ALEX —
NO, LORD SEDGWICK, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.

To leave the manor to that kind of woman in the role of a wife,
I can't just do that !
She is a swindler
She is not my wife.
Yes, this is for the best
MY LORD, ARE YOU ALRIGHT WITH THIS ?
I'VE TOLD HER TO LEAVE
ISN'T MY WISH BEING GRANTED NOW ?
SIMMONS, YOU HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN MANY WAYS, THANK YOU.
MY LADY ...
PLEASE GIVE MY REGARDS TO MRS. SIMMONS AS WELL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理想の妻のたくらみは(前・後編)
中村地里
原作 エリザベス・ボイル
億万長者のアレックス男爵は、結婚の売り込みや催促にうんざりしていた。そこでなんと彼は、架空の女性と結婚したことにしようと思いつく。しかしある日、でっちあげた架空の妻"エマリン"が本当に現れて——!?

カリブで恋はいかが?
岸田梨子
原作 アン・ハンプソン
有名劇作家のアーサーの下で家政婦として働くことにしたカレン。カレンの素性を知ったらアーサーは猛得するに ちがいない。これは彼女の演技を酷評したアーサーへの 彼女なりの復讐のはずだったが 。

レオナルドの媚薬
竹坂香利
恋とはとんなものかしら? 令嬢 エリザベッタは 憧れの錬金術師のもとに通い詰め。そんな彼女をからかう ヴェネツィア共和国の美しき貴公子 セバスティアーノ。恋の媚薬はいけすかない彼にも効くの!?

(危険な天使たち)
恋の映画の手ほどきを
日諸七緒★
原作 オリヴィア・クリスティン
名前も知らないまま 映画館でたびたび顔を合わせていたヴァレリーとアレクシス。不思議な連帯感で結ばれ始めた二人は 意外なきっかけから互いの正体を知ることになるが、アレクシスにはまだ秘密が——?

誘いかける瞳
美里綾子★
原作 ノーラ・ロバーツ
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